

IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicants propose to cancel the added new Fig. 3.

REMARKS

The specification has further been amended on page 4 to cancel the added brief description of new Fig. 3, and on page 7 to cancel the added detailed description of new Fig. 3.

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claims 4 and 6 have been cancelled. In addition, claim 5 has been amended for clarity.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 5 is omitting the element "attempting to access a server" prior to the second comparing step. Applicants submit that the second comparing step and the authorizing/not authorizing step are performed regardless of whether or not a user of the information carrier player has attempted to access the server.

Applicants believe that the above changes and explanation answer the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 112, paragraphs 1 and 2, and 35 U.S.C. 101 rejections of the claims, and respectfully request withdrawal thereof.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,385,388 to Lewis et al. in view of U.S. Patent 7,305,624 to Siegel.

Applicants submit that Siegel is an improper reference in that the filing date thereof October 24, 2003, falls after the priority date of the subject application. In particular, the subject application claims priority on European Application 02293265.1 filed on December 30, 2002, a certified copy of this

priority document having been filed in the USPTO. Since the priority document is in English, there is no requirement for a translation.

As such, all rejections based on Siegel should therefore fall.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that the subject invention, as claimed, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the prior art, and as such, is patentable thereover.

Applicants believe that this application, containing claims 1-6, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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